

HOUSE BILL 3583
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to advocacy services on behalf of health
insurance consumers and the uninsured.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-1-211, is amended by adding the
following language as a new subsection:

(c) The commissioner shall contract with an independent, non-profit charitable
entity with a record of demonstrated expertise in providing information and assistance to
patients who are uninsured, have commercial health insurance or are enrolled in the
TennCare program. Subject to the limits of any appropriation by the general assembly,
the commissioner may contract with such entity to:

(1) Advise individuals regarding the availability of health care or health
coverage;

(2) Assist individuals regarding the use of appeals for resolving disputes
with their health program or insurer; and

(3) Advise individuals regarding the interplay between different types of
coverage available to them through commercial insurance, TennCare or
Medicare.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring
it.